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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on Page 5, lines 17-19 as follows:

B1 (Amended) Fig. 5A-5B illustrate the alignment of gro-1 (SEQ ID NO:2) with the published sequences of the E. coli (P16384) and yeast (P07884) enzymes;

Please amend the paragraph on Page 5, lines 29-30 as follows: